

Deaf Ear
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City Attorney Jim Hall: "I think it ought to be referred to the Planning Commission very definitely."
Councilman Willys Blount: "Frankly, the man is doing the City of Torrance a service in getting the oil pumps cleaned up."
Draie: "You mean by using the Pacific Hills backyard as a dumping ground?"
No answer was forthcoming to Draie's question.
Mayor Bob Haggard: "I favor sending it to the City Engineer," he said jokingly. "The Council had just accepted the City Engineer's resignation."
FAVORS DUMP
Haggard continued: "I'm definitely in sympathy with the dump. I see no reason why we should have to worry about zoning. The dump was there before zoning existed."
City Engineer Jacob Joseph commented: "There might be a St. law which prohibits the operation of the dump due to water pollution. It ought to be checked."
Draie: "A small sign for Jim Dandy's Market is sent to the Planning Commission. Yet a dump that can effect the welfare of hundreds of residents is cleared without checking zoning or sending it through the Planning Commission. It's a mystery to me."

Stores Provide Student Jobs
Eighty-two El Camino college students were "graduated" recently from a Christmas sales training program at the college and will be employed during the rush season by local stores.
Among the local stores employing the student-salesmen will be Newberry's, Torrance. Donald Frame, director of student placement at the college advises employers to call his office for information concerning student employees.

As It Looks from Here
By Harry Klissner
Politically speaking, there are too many secret meetings in Torrance. I mean meetings that ought to be open to the public. A good example: The Recreation Department huddles with the Planning Commission and the City Council at the Club Alondra.
The meeting is not open to the newspapers. Yet the city taxpayers are billed for 24 steaks at a cost of \$88.14.
Why shouldn't the taxpayer know what is being discussed if he is paying for the meals?
On top of that, some place along the line, a trash tax idea was developed. It could have been at that particular secret meeting or the one held by the Recreation Commission last Tuesday.
If there's nothing to hide—why is the press excluded?
There are other secret meetings which continue to weaken democracy. The City Council has agenda meetings. Why do the ruling four find this necessary?
As an example, the possibility that Truman Browne might sue Torrance for hundreds of thousands was never brought out in the open. Again, why was it found necessary to hide this? There's an election next April. Are these secret meetings merely a substitute for the star chamber sessions of machine politicians?

Insurance Bids
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lices.
(3) Public liability and property damage for the Torrance Municipal Airport.
(4) Liability insurance for Torrance Municipal bus lines.
At the same time bids will be received by the City of Torrance for the following:
(1) Employees' position bonds.
(2) Tires and Tubes for the city fleet.
According to two public notices, the City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Further information on the bids for the above insurance contracts may be obtained by calling at the office of City Manager George Stevens.

Engineer Joseph
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haven't heard anything? What's he done?" asked H. B. Bolas.
"Don't you read our newspapers?" asked Hill. The city is leaving him go. I am deeply appreciative of the help Joseph has given our body on engineering matters.
BOLAS REPEATS
With a smile on his face, Bolas repeated, "I still can't see what he's done."
Beverly Smith, chairman of the Planning Commission said: "Won't you phrase that in a motion, Mr. Hill. I too—"
Bolas interrupted: "Now, be careful!"
Smith tried to continue again: "I also want to—"
Bolas interrupted again: "Watch what you say. Joseph has a relative sitting in the audience." (This remark was never explained. At the time, a representative of the Torrance Press was the only person in the audience.)
EXCELLENT ENGINEER
Smith: "I know what I'm saying. Joseph has been an excellent city engineer. I'm deeply sorry to see him leave. He understands our problems and had some very good ideas. I was hoping that we would have a chance to try them out. It'll be a long time before we can get another man as capable and as conscientious as Joseph."
The recommendation to send Joseph the letter of appreciation was passed unanimously in the form of a motion.

City Attorney
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this amount \$300 was paid by the City and \$50 by the Water Department.
Since that time, along with other city workers, there have been three ten-dollar raises. The job now pays \$380 per month for a part time job.
If Jim Hall goes into the Service, only a temporary vacancy will be created until he returns. Officials at the City Hall could not predict when a new civil service list would be established.
In the meantime local politicians are speculating whether the new city attorney will be imported from the outside by the ruling four councilmen, or whether the position will be given to a local man. The late C. Douglass Smith was imported from Long Beach.
Among local attorneys eligible for the job are Albert Ison, Charles Mitschrich, Boris Woolley, W. E. Kallfleish, Don Armstrong, Donald Hitchcock, son of former Councilman Jim Hitchcock; Irving M. Lessing, C. A. Mewborn and C. T. Rippey.
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Legality of Jan. Bonds Questioned
Whether the Jan. 8 water bond issue can be conducted without the services of a city engineer came up for discussion at the regular City Council meeting this week.
The Council had just accepted City Engineer Jacob Joseph's resignation four to one—Nick Draie dissenting—when Draie asked for clarification of the water bond issue legal question.
Before Draie asked for the opinion, he had moved that for "economy reasons" the city revert the position of engineer back to City Manager George Stevens.
Evidently the Council turned a deaf ear toward the economy move. Draie couldn't even get a second. He pointed out that the city could save \$550 a month.
"After all," said Draie, "if we don't want the services of a competent engineer like Jacob Joseph, then we ought to at least try to save the taxpayers some money."

Drainage
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that puddles are so deep during the rainy season that children wade knee-deep in the water.
"There aren't even gutter guards," Barnes declared.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Kinch, 118 Paseo, said that they have a vacant lot that turns into a lake in the rainy period. They contended that one-tenth of an inch of rain puts the water over the curb. A flash flood would bring the water up to the window sill.
H. C. Nelk, 126 Paseo de Gracia, said: "We're the gateway to the Hollywood Riviera, and yet we're an eyesore during those winter months."
W. L. Van Ornum, 127 Paseo de Gracia, pointed out that during the flood period, even cesspools are broken down. A youngster could easily fall in and be enveloped.
The City Council promised to look into the matter at its next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Torrance Boy Made Sergeant
Johnnie L. Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Pitts of 915 Portola avenue, Torrance, Calif., was recently promoted to the rank of master sergeant while serving in Japan with the 40th Infantry Division.
A National Guardsman, Pitts is a platoon sergeant. During World War II he served with the Army in the Pacific Theater.

Browns Wins
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fornia Water Service refused to install the mains.
At the same time, Torrance offered to install mains for Browne at a much higher cost. This Browne considered unfair.
While the controversy was continuing, Browne claimed he was losing thousands of dollars because he could not ask people to occupy homes without an adequate water supply.
This week, as late as Monday, City of Torrance officials claimed that they didn't know the status of Browne's 150-home subdivision as far as the water complications were concerned.
However, there was no question in Browne's mind. He revealed he planned to lay his own pipe, the job to be completed within the next five or six days. It was at that time that Jim Hall, City Attorney, ruled that Browne would be given an excavation permit to construct his own mains.

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